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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, March 22, 2021 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 20, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, D. Dellio at 10:01 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Chairman D. Dellio
Councillor A. Kungl
C. Green
G. Kavanagh
J. Annable
L. Ricardo
M. Malcolm
P. Sasco

Absent: 4 - Councillor N. Harris
H. Stone
P. Thiffault
S. Turcott

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Recreation Programmer, J. Gourlie.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

D. Dellio provided an update on the Age-Friendly Community Plan to the committee. She mentioned accessibility for seniors on pathways has improved and there has also been improvements to the different recreation centres, as well as some reconstruction to the play-courts. D. Dellio indicated that the Age-Friendly plan will not be pursued this year because of the ongoing projects. She explained that there will not be any further updates this year.

PROMOTING AWARENESS OF THE COMMITTEE

J. Gourlie, Recreation Programmer was called on to provide information on the tools the committee currently has for their use in creating awareness of the Seniors Advisory Committee within the community. She indicated that in 2019, the Committee discussed and purchased promotional items for the Seniors Advisory Committee that are currently being stored at Parkview Seniors Centre.

D. Dellio brought up for discussion the idea of participating at the next Ward meeting to create greater awareness of the Seniors Advisory Committee. D. Dellio asked if any of the members of the Committee wanted to participate at the next ward meeting, and there was a general agreement and discussion on the role of the Ward meetings.

D. Dellio offered to develop a package that could be used to communicate to the public to discuss at the next meeting.

T. McArthur, Committee Support Clerk mentioned the possibility of a representative from the Communications Department review different avenues of how to get the message out and how to promote awareness of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

Councillor Kungl suggested an invitation to Councillors regarding what they believe is their top three concerns or interests of individuals within their Wards and discussed what is it the Committee is looking to share.

D. Dellio advised that awareness of the Committee is limited within the community, indicating that the Committee needs to be more in tune with what the seniors within the community want. D. Dellio suggested speaking with Communications staff from within the City and putting a plan together.

G. Kavanagh mentioned that if the Committee were able to speak at the end of a Council meeting, they would be addressing all Councillors, and there was discussion on the role of the Councillor in the Committee.

CURRENT PROGRAMMING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR SENIORS

D. Dellio called upon J. Gourlie to provide an update.

J. Gourlie mentioned that there are many services offered to seniors within the community that are both virtual and over the phone. She further mentioned the Barrie Senior Services Network meets monthly and there is also programming provided by the Barrie Public Library.

C. Green mentioned that the Gilbert Centre is doing an online program. He mentioned that 211 has a funded project to decrease social isolation for seniors. He thought it may be an idea to have a member of 211 attend a committee meeting to talk about the project.

SENIORS MONTH

D. Dellio discussed the senior's committee budget. She requested if anyone within the committee had any suggestions for supporting Senior's Month, which is June.

The committee discussed different ideas and agreed to bring them back to discuss at the next meeting.

DRAFT NEW OFFICIAL PLAN - COMMITTEE COMMENTS

D. Dellio indicated that a copy of the official plan was previously sent out and that there was a 90-day opportunity for the committee to submit their comments and that there will be another opportunity in May.

G. Kavanagh mentioned she did not see any reference to seniors.

D. Dellio mentioned discussions with Development Services about the general nature of the official plan and how the Committee needs to look at specific departments within the city to address certain issues.

Councillor Kungl mentioned that under Barrie.ca, there is an update on the status of the process. She indicated that in May, the new updated draft, after the 90-day consultation, should be released with a statutory open house by the end of May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

CHAIRMAN